

Harold Lett believed in justice and fairplay. He believed an open society would be the best environment for the growth of democratic values. Lett believed isolation of people, whether groups or individuals one could say it was the same, fostered ignorance, fear, hate and endless violence. His life's work was in achieving justice for and integration of African-Americans within the mainstream of American Society; predicated on self discipline, careful deliberation, dedication.

Harol Lett was born in 1897, and lived out his childhood relatively free of prejudice in Michigan and Minnesota. Secretarial skills gained from work in the private sector, and a decade of work in government and the Michigan chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. prepared him for employment with in the Pittsburgh chapter of the Urban League as industrial secretary. Four years after, in 1934, He came to Newark, New Jersey as executive director of the New Jersey Urban League. He functioned throughout the state seeking jobs for African-American workers, working to solve school problems, handling health problems and initiating self help organizations in the African-American community.

In 1945 Lett became assistant director of compliance for the N.J. Division Against Discrimination. In 1959 he was made assistant director for The National Conference of Christians and Jews in New York City. He retired from this position in 1966.

Throughout his career Harold Lett had been active in civic affairs, serving on numerous boards and commissions, with regard to housing, ### labor management relations, etc. He conducted numerous seminars in colleges and universities throughout America.

William Ashby was born the 15th October 1889, at Carter's Grove, Virginia, into a family of free born people, a freedom extending back generations to the earliest days of the Republic. This personal history molded the character of William Ashby and made him a fighter for human justice.

He was graduated from Yale University in 1916. The following year he established the first office in New Jersey of the Urban League. He was appointed secretary of the Newark Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He is an author of plays, novels and news articles. The cases display the recognition of the contributions of William ashby to the civil rights movement, which came to him late in his life.